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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 7, 2005 of the above-referenced application. A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Applicants' claimed invention provides a substrate with a warpage-preventive linkage structure that can prevent each substrate on a substrate strip from being subjected to warpage caused by thermal stresses during high-temperature fabrication steps (see, e.g., specification at page 3, last paragraph to page 4, first paragraph).